

## Counselor Works To Help Families Recover

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Moses Colhoun has a vision. He wants to create a "National Family Album," but he needs your help. It's simple enough. Just send a family snapshot or portrait to the Center for Win Win Solutions and Research, 3131 Hyde Park Blvd., Los Angeles, CA, 90043. And then get your friends to do the same.

The pictures don't have to be fancy. Family members could be washing a car, having a picnic, opening presents, or even comforting each other at the loss of a loved one. The important thing is that the photograph (color or black and white) presents a family together. Why? Because Moses feels there has been so much negativity in the news that

people need some positive reinforcement for a change. He thinks a "National Family Album" will help do that. And when he gets enough photographs together, he plans a public showing... a wall of families, revealing a side of America that doesn't always make the evening news.

But don't think Moses Colhoun has undertaken this task because he's all "pie-in-the-sky." Just the opposite is true. In his work as a drug counselor, family mediator and director of the Center for Win Win Solutions and Research, he has seen the pain that families go through when dealing with addiction and abuse. He has witnessed first-hand the results of drug and violence on America's home life. He even wrote a book, "Out of Control," that details the causes and effects of drug addiction and gives insight into the addictive

personality.

But Moses believes helping people who are addicts is only the first step. He feels families also need to go through a recovery process.

"Do not be fooled into thinking that children can be saved without making some attempt at saving their parents also," he explains.

A big part of the recovery process is having positive examples of families working together, playing together and even just being together. Moses feels a "National Family Album" is the first step toward creating that new, positive awareness of family. When that awareness takes hold, he believes the real healing process can begin.

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